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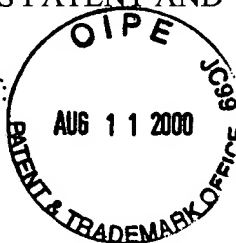
In re Patent Application of:

Dawson *et al.*

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of Ocular Infections**



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Amendment

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 14, 2000, (Paper No. 8), Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Claim 8, line 1, delete "1" and insert therefore --2--.

Claim 9 (Amended) [The process according to claim 8, wherein said aqueous] A process for treating an eye, which comprises:

topically applying an aqueous polymeric suspension of an azalide antibiotic, wherein said suspension comprises water, 0.01% to 1.0% of an azalide antibiotic, and 0.1 to 10% of a polymeric suspending agent.

Claim 10, line 1, delete "polymer" and insert therefore --polymeric--.

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